**श्री अजीत जोगी** : बाकी के लिए कब तक दे देंगे ?

**मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री पी० शिवशंकर** : अब आपने पूछ लिया है। हम कर देंगे ।

**श्री एल० पी० साहो** : 1435.93 करोड़ दे चुके हैं, जो 59 परसेंट हुआ ।

**श्री सभापति** : बाकी भी जल्दी दे देंगे ?

**श्री एल० पी० साहो** : बाकी खर्च करने पर निर्भर करता है ।

**श्री सभापति** : खर्च करने पर दे देंगे ।

**श्री एल० पी० साही** : जैसे-जैसे खर्च करेंगे, वैसे-वैसे हम देते जाने को तैयार हैं ।

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

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## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### Allocation of funds for Sambalpur-Talcher Rail Line Project

*25. SHRI BASUDEV MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what amount of fund has been allocated for Sambalpur-Talcher Rail Line Project in 1988-89 and 1989-90;

(b) what amount has been spent so far on the project;

(c) what is the total length of the Line completed so far in kilometres; and

(d) by when the whole project is likely to be ready?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) —

| 1988-89 | 1989-90 |
|---|---|
| Rs. 8 crores | Rs. 10 crores |

(b) Rs. 15·48 crores (upto May, 1989).

(c) and (d) Construction works are in progress on 42 km from Talcher end and 43 km from Sambalpur end. Completion of whole project will depend on the availability of resources in coming years.

### Indo-Nepal Talks

*26. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the outcome of the latest exchange of letters between the Foreign Ministers of India and Nepal;

(b) whether Nepal has proposed to have the most favoured nation treatment in regard to trade and commerce; and

(c) if so, what is the response of the Government of India thereto and whether there are any prospects of a negotiated settlement of the impasse between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) In the letter of June 16, 1989, from Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao, Minister of External Affairs to Shri Shailendra Kumar Upadhyay, the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs of his Majesty's Government of Nepal, a comprehensive agenda covering all relevant aspects of Indo-Nepal relations had been proposed. In his response of June 26, 1989, the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nepal has proposed certain amendments to this agenda. These are now being examined.

(b) In their draft for a new Indo-Nepal Trade Treaty handed over

by the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nepal on March 26, 1989, His Majesty's Government of Nepal had proposed an arrangement close to most favoured nation treatment in regard to Indo-Nepal trade and commerce. However, special arrangements for border trade and for trade in primary products had also been proposed. Since then HMGN spokesman and leaders have repeatedly stated that Nepal wanted trade with India for the future only on MFN basis.

(c) In the letter of June 16, 1989, the Government seeks a frank and candid dialogue with His Majesty's Government of Nepal on all relevant aspects of bilateral relations with a view to resolving all the pending issues between the two sides. Given a positive attitude on the part of HMGN, there is no reason why a mutually acceptable arrangement cannot be worked out on all these issues.

**Indian Defence Personnel in Pakistani Jails**

*27. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR :

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 133 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd May 1989 and state:

(a) whether, at India's request, Pakistan undertook to conduct a fresh enquiry into the question of about 54 Indian missing defence personnel of the 1971 Indo-Pak conflict, who were believed to be languishing in Pakistani jails; if so, the progress made so far in this regard;

(b) whether a list of the missing personnel alongwith their available whereabouts was forwarded to Pakistan; if so, what was the response of Pakistan Government thereto; and

(c) whether all available information about these persons including radio broadcasts of BBC, news-items published in Pakistani and other newspapers, Statements of released/now-out-of-jail co-prisoners and letters from Pakistani jails has been made available to Pakistan; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir, we were informed by Government of Pakistan that after another search conducted subsequent to the meeting of the two Prime Ministers they still did not find any Indian missing defence personnel in their custody. It was, however, agreed that another search would be done starting with the records of Kot Lakhpat Jail of that period.

(b) Yes, Sir, Pakistan Government has informed us that they undertook the search based on evidence provided by us.

(c) Yes, Sir, evidence available from radio broadcasts, magazine articles, private correspondence were furnished to the Government of Pakistan.

**मध्य प्रदेश में सिरोंज-लटेरी मकसूदनगढ़ को जोड़ने के लिये नई रेलवे लाईन**

*28. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार मध्य प्रदेश के सिरोंज-गढ़-लटेरी मकसूदन के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों को "ग बासौदा" रेलवे स्टेशन से जोड़ने के लिए निकट भविष्य में एक नई रेलवे लाइन बिछाने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस क्षेत्र का सर्वेक्षण कार्य कब तक आरम्भ किए जाने की संभावना है ; यदि नहीं, तो उसका क्या कारण है ; और